

WASHINGTON, DC— Today the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency released a memorandum making changes to the agency's enforcement strategy. Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement following the announcement:

**"I sense from what I have reviewed of ICE's memorandum that we are experiencing a step in the right direction toward enforcing our immigration laws in a pragmatic way, and having the agency prudently use its resources to remove serious criminal offenders and those who would do us harm. No doubt, there is much more to be done to ensure that enforcement of our immigration laws does not come at the expense of our public safety. But I give credit to ICE chief John Morton and members of the Obama Administration for undertaking a reevaluation of our strategy and tools to tackle the challenging subject of immigration enforcement. At the end of the day the real solution is for Congress to fix our broken immigration system with a smart, tough and fair comprehensive reform."**